

POETRY

OLD-FASHIONED FOLKS.

Old-fashioned folks! Good bless
all!
The fathers an' the mothers,
The aunts an' uncles, fat an' tall
The grandpas an' the great-grandpas,
The good old-fashioned neighbors,
The passing time improves 'em.
They still drop in to chat with you
Whenever the spirit moves 'em.
The simple, unaffected folks,
With gentle ways an' sunny,
The brave and true

Of fine an' honest grainin'.
The plain an' open-hearted folks
That make no fad a passion,
The kind an' fair
That do an' dare
An' sta not slaves to fashion.

Its strength, without restriction.
 The charm of every neighborhood.
 The toilers, uncomplaining,
 The men an' women, pure an' good
 Of fine an' honest graining.
 The plain an' open-hearted folks
 That make no fad a passion,
 The kind an' fair
 That do an' dare
 An' are not slaves to fashion.

Old-fashioned folks, that live an' give their service gladly.
An' deem their neighbors worthy of their help when things go badly
The simple sharers of our joys,
Sweetest relations to our hearts.

POPPING CORN.

And there they sat a-popping corn
 John Stiles and Susan Cutler;

John Stiles as stout as any ox,
And Susan as fat as butter,
And there they sat and shelled
corn,
And raked and stirred the fire,

And talked of different kind of eat,
And hitched their chairs up nigh;
Then Susan she the popper shook,
Then John he shook the popper,
Till both their faces grew as red
As saucepans made of copper.
And then they shelled and popped
Awhile,
And kinks of fun a-poking,
And he haw-hawed at her remarks,
And she laughed at his joking.

And still they popped and still they
(John's mouth was like a hopper
And stirred the fire, and sprinkled
And shook and shook the popper.
The clock struck nine, the clock str

And stirred the fire, and sprinkled
And shook and shook the popper.
The clock struck nine, the clock str
ten,
And still the corn kept popping,
It struck eleven, and then str
twelve,
And still no signs of stopping.

The corn did pop and patter,
Till John cried out, "The corn's all
Why, Susan, what's the matter?"
Said she, "John Stiles, it's one o'clock

HUMOR OF THE DAY

"On December 31 I will quit smoking forever."

"Forever? What a lie!"
 "I think so, too." — Boston Transcript.

"Has the line been busy?" asked the man with a nickel poised

"No," answered the precise operator. "The line wasn't busy. I was." — Washington Star.

"What line did you say you were in?"

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"I manufacture a face powder that can't be kissed off."

"Who has charge of your proceedings?"—Kansas City Journal.

Crawford—As you watch those boys playing in the snow I suppose you wish you were a boy again.

"Yes, Aunt; John is so careless
his business. His business was

"But perhaps they aren't—sewed on properly."

"That's just it. John is so careless with his sewing." — Puck.

"Is there such a place in this world as an ideal summer resort?"

"Oh, yes," replied the cynical person.

"Name it."

"Say, old man, don't you want join the Wayback County Association? The dues are only \$10 a year and that goes to pay for a banquet and a small box."

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"But I've never been in Wayne county in my life."
"That's all right. You've got to haven't you?"—Nebraska State Journal.

"He's been known as 'Jason Jenkins' ever since he came to the city 10 years ago, but now it appears that isn't his name at all."
"Indeed? What did he take the name for?"
"Well, it seems the very day he reached town he found a fine new umbrella in the train with that name on it"—Philadelphia Press.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE

There are about 1,300 gas plants in this country.

An electric blower takes the place of towels in the washrooms of some large industrial establishments.

Dr. John Quackenboss, of East Amherst, N. H., has used the same road boat on Highland Lake 44 years.

A device called a detecture has been invented to permit a man in one room to watch a cash register in another.

New York may prosecute property owners for cost of fighting fires which violate prevention laws have not been obeyed.

An Oregon power-development plan has the world's largest chain drive, eight chains, each 21 inches wide transmitting 5,000 horsepower.

English society women have established an institution in which nurses receive three years of training in the care of dogs and other animal pets.

The intense heat development for high-pressure incandescent lamps has been the invention of a new arch lamp.

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